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RODENT OPERATOR:

T. S. TODD. (Retired 31.1.72.)

R. H. ROBINSON (Commenced 31.7.72.)

To the Chairman and Members of the Health & Transport Committee:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Seaham Urban District for the year 1972. I would draw your attention to one or two matters which merit your attention.

The latest population figure shows a decline of 9.01% since the 1961 census and over the same number of years the birth rate has reduced from a figure of 18 to one of 13 per thousand of the population. With the death rate almost stationary there are now each year fewer births than deaths, a trend which does not augur well for the future of the District unless it can be reversed. Infant Mortality at 38 per thousand live births was obviously too high but with such a small total number of births (261), major fluctuations from year to year are to be expected. Taking the past ten years as a guide, the rate works out at approximately 22, which is probably better than the figures attained in similar industrial areas elsewhere.

Infectious Disease was not a problem during the year, indeed with the exception of Pulmonary Tuberculosis which was fractionally higher; the case rate for all notifiable diseases was lower than that of England and Wales.

The section of the report dealing with the Sanitary Circumstances of the area has been prepared by the Senior Public Health Inspector and contributions from the Engineer & Surveyor and from the Secretary of the Port Health Authority have been included. No undue difficulties were accounted during the year and it has been possible to obtain a reasonable close surveillance of all matters of environmental health. We were sorry to lose the service of Mr. Todd, the Rodent Operator, owing to ill health. He took a keen interest in the work and was always helpful to the public when his services were requested. I am sure we wish him well in his retirement. Fortunately, we have in Mr. Robinson a satisfactory successor and the work of the Department has not deteriorated.

Finally may I once again thank the Members of the Council and Staff and Officials for the continued support and interest during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J.W.A. RODGERS,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

Area in Acres: 2,469.

Registrar General's Estimate of resident population mid-1972: 23,370.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1972) according to the Rate Books: 7,917.

Rateable Value: £590,489.

Sum represented by the Penny Rate: £5,350.

SECTION II

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Legitimate	235	120	115
Illegitimate	26	12	14
Total	261	132	129

Legitimate - 10.05 per 1,000 estimated resident population.
Illegitimate - 1.11 per 1,000 estimated resident population.
Total - 11.16 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total	2	-	2

Still Birth Rate - 7.66 per thousand live and still births.

DEATHS

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
	322	179	143

Death Rate - 13.77 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)</u>
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	NIL	NIL

INFANT MORTALITY

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Deaths of infants under 1 year	10	6	4

Infant Mortality Rate - 38.00 per 1,000 live births

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Deaths of infants under 1 month	1	-	1

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate - 27.00 per 1,000 live births

CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS		
AGE	SEX	CAUSE
5 mins.	F	Anencephalus.
20 mins.	F	Spinabifida.
30 mins.	F	Congenital Anomalies.
2 hours	M	Multiple Congenital Anomalies.
4 hours	F	Prematurity.
2 days	M	Congenital Deficiency.
3 weeks	M	Hydrocephalus.
1 month	M	Asphyxia.
4 months	F	Bacillary Dysentery.
9 months	M	Acute Broncho-Pneumonia.

Mortality of Legitimate Infants. 38.00 per 1,000 legitimate live births.

Mortality of Illegitimate Infants: 38.00 per 1,000 illegitimate live births.

Illegitimate Births: Percentage of live births: 10.00

THE CAUSES OF THE GREATEST MORTALITY DURING 1972 WERE:

Cardio Vascular Disease	120
Cancer	41
Bronchitis	27
Pneumonia	22
Accidental Deaths (inc. Motor Vehicle Accidents.)	4

DEATHS DUE TO CANCER OF THE LUNG.

AGE (IN YEARS)	MALE	FEMALE
15 - 24	-	-
25 - 34	-	-
35 - 44	-	-
45 - 54	4	-
55 - 64	3	1
65 - 74	5	-
75 and over	3	1
TOTAL (All Ages)	15	2

BIRTH RATES AND DEATH RATES IN THE YEAR 1972.

England & Wales and Seaham.

	Rate per 1,000 Population	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live & Still Births	Rate per 1,000 Population	Rate per 1,000 Related Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live & Still Births	Rate per 1,000 Related Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live & Still Births
	Live Births	Still Births	Deaths (ALL AGES)	Deaths under 1 year	Maternal Deaths	Deaths under 1 month	Perinatal Mortality
England and Wales	14.8	12.00	12.1	17.00	0.15	12.00	22.00
Seaham	13.2	8.00	13.8	38.00	NIL	27.00	27.00

CORRECTED NOTIFICATIONS AND CASE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION OF CERTAIN INFECTIOUS
DISEASES IN THE YEAR 31 ST DECEMBER, 1972.

Quarter	Scarlet Fever	Infective Hepatitis	Typhoid Fever	Para- Typhoid Fever	Dysen- tery	ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS		Food Poison- ing	TUBERCULOSIS		
						Para- lytic	Non Para- lytic		Respir- atory	Meninges and C.N.S.	Other
First	3625	3737	30	9	2666	-	-	1015	2161	29	543
Second	2942	3525	28	20	2101	-	-	1124	2380	21	651
Third	1759	2518	36	29	1899	1	2	1977	2211	28	594
Fourth	2875	2453	34	18	2368	2	-	1333	1931	20	489
TOTAL	11201	12233	128	76	9034	3	2	5449	6683	98	2277
CASE RATE	0.228	0.249	0.0026	0.0015	0.184	0.00002	0.00002	0.111	0.136	0.0019	0.0464
First	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Second	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Third	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Fourth	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
CASE RATE	0.085	0.171	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.171	-	-

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1953 - 72.

(The Birth Rate and Death Rate are shown corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factors of 1.18 and 1.10 respectively for 1972.)

Year	Estimated Population	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality
1953	25,690	20.35	11.57	27.61
1954	25,650	18.64	12.30	20.70
1955	25,740	18.88	11.94	44.80
1956	25,940	19.39	12.57	27.56
1957	26,130	19.25	13.79	21.65
1958	26,320	20.80	14.16	25.32
1959	26,440	19.69	13.88	20.91
1960	26,410	18.07	13.75	20.20
1961	25,660	18.71	14.41	35.05
1962	25,660	19.12	15.07	22.22
1963	25,570	17.42	16.04	20.00
1964	25,470	17.90	12.86	15.10
1965	25,470	17.41	15.20	20.08
1966	25,330	14.79	14.25	25.87
1967	25,200	15.17	14.11	33.67
1968	25,030	14.71	15.11	16.13
1969	24,800	13.06	15.50	12.23
1970	24,500	13.08	16.00	27.77
1971	23,650	14.08	15.01	16.00
1972	23,370	13.02	15.02	38.00

CAUSES OF DEATHS AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1972.

CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	TOTAL ALL AGES	UNDER 4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS & UNDER ONE YEAR	AGE IN YEARS							75 & over		
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-		65-	
Bacillary Dysentery	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amoebiasis - - - -	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Respiratory System -	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Infective and	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Parasitic Diseases -	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oesophagus - - - -	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Stomach - - - -	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Intestine - - - -	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3
Lung, Bronchus - - -	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breast - - - -	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Prostate														
Leukaemia - - - -	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neoplasms - - - -	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
Benign and Unspecified	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-
Neoplasms - - - -	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes Mellitus -	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningitis - - - -	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multiple Sclerosis -	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nervous System - - -	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Chronic Rheumatic	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heart Disease - - -	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1

CAUSE	M	F	TOTAL	ALL CAUSES
Hypertensive Disease	2	-	2	
Ischaemic Heart Disease	65	41	106	
Other Forms of Heart Disease	4	5	9	
Cerebrovascular Disease	17	16	33	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	3	5	
Pneumonia	11	11	22	
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	3	8	
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2	
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1	
Intestinal Obstruction	1	1	2	
Other Diseases of Digestive System	3	1	4	
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1	
Other Diseases, Genito Urinary System	1	1	2	
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	-	1	
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	-	1	
Congenital Anomalities	4	2	6	
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-	1	
Motor Vehicle Accident	4	-	4	
All Other Accidents	-	-	-	
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	4	2	6	
TOTAL	179	143	322	

CONFIRMED CASES OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, 1972.

(other than Tuberculosis)

Numbers originally Notified	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery
TOTAL (ALL AGES)	2	-	160	-
Under 1 year	-	-	3	-
1 - 2 years	-	-	18	-
2 - 3 years	-	-	14	-
3 - 4 years	-	-	13	-
4 - 5 years	-	-	27	-
5 - 9 years	1	-	85	-
10 - 14 years	1	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-	-
25 and over	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (ALL AGES)	2	-	160	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table shows the new cases and deaths for the Urban District of Seaham during 1972.

	NEW CASES				TOTAL DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (ALL AGES)	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION III.

DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS IMMUNISATION.

DIPHTHERIA (Either singly or in combination)

AGES AT DATE OF IMMUNISATION:-	UNDER 1 1972	1 - 4 1968 - 71	5 - 14 1957 - 67	TOTAL
Primary Immunisations:	-	315	76	391
Reinforcing Injections:	-	1	279	280

WHOOPING COUGH (Either singly or in combination)

AGES AT DATE OF IMMUNISATION:-	UNDER 1 1972	1 - 4 1968 - 71	5 - 14 1957 - 67	TOTAL
Primary Immunisations:	-	315	18	333
Reinforcing Injections:	-	1	4	5

TETANUS (Either singly or in combination)

AGES AT DATE OF IMMUNISATION:-	UNDER 1 1972	1 - 4 1968 - 71	5 - 14 1957 - 67	TOTAL
Primary Immunisations:	-	316	90	409
Reinforcing Injections:	-	1	315	316

MEASLES VACCINATION.

Persons born in year:-	1972	1971	1970	1969	1965-68	Other	TOTAL
	-	127	57	17	27	1	229

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

There were no cases of Smallpox in the District during 1972, and a table is given below showing the number and ages of children vaccinated during the year.

Ages at date of Vaccination:-	Under 1	1 - 2	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 & over	TOTAL
Vaccinated	-	8	2	2	-	12
Re-Vaccinated	-	-	1	-	-	1

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION, 1972.

ORAL.

Those persons given a primary course of 3 doses of oral vaccine:-

Persons born in year:-	1972.	1971	1970	1969	1965- 68	1941- 50	Other	TOTAL
	-	221	62	33	69	-	3	388

B.C.G. VACCINATION - School Scheme (1972)

Total Skin Tested	Positive Reactors	Negative Reactors Given B.C.G.	No. absent at time of reading
361	12	296	28

SECTION IV.

GENERAL:

Complaints which were received in the Health Department during the year totalled 607 of which 59 were found on investigation to be unfounded. The comparable figure for 1971 was 662 (42 unfounded). Details are as follows:-

Rats	157	Mice	156
Cockroaches	105	Other Insect Pests	33
Choked Drains	113	Nuisances	10
Fumigations	15	Disrepair	18

HOUSING:

Slum Clearance:

There were no clearance areas represented during the year.

One dwelling was represented under Part II of the Act of 1957 as unfit for habitation, which the owners agreed to close without the formality of a Closing Order. In addition, seventeen houses were demolished in clearance areas previously confirmed.

Houses Erected:

The number of houses erected in Seaham during 1972 was:-

By the Council	2
Other Housing Authorities	-
By Private Persons	7

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS:

Houses modernised and improved with the aid of improvement grants during 1972 were as follows:-

		<u>NUMBER OF HOUSES</u>	
		<u>Discretionary Grants</u>	<u>Standard Grants</u>
Applications submitted to L.A.	106	29	
Applications rejected by L.A.	1	-	
No. of applications approved since inception of scheme	1223	256	
Total number of grants paid since inception of scheme	1082	235	

HOUSE REPAIRS:

Houses made fit during the year by procedure under the Housing and Public Health Acts.

As a result of informal action	9
By owners as a result of statutory notice	-
By Council in default of the owners	-

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970.

1. FOOD PREMISES:

The number of food premises including licenced premises in the Urban District at the end of the year was 163, showing a reduction of 3. Details of the various categories of food premises are as follows:-

<u>Trade</u>	<u>No. of Premises</u>
Grocery -- General	55
Butchery	13
Bakeries	8
Flour Confectionery	8
Sugar Confectionery	13
Fruiterer and Greengrocer	13
Fried Fish and Chips	10
Wet Fish	1
Cafes and Snack Bars	6
Canteens -- Industrial	4
School Meals Kitchens	4
Ice-Cream Manufacturer	2
Chemists	5
Licenced Premises	20
Mineral Water Manufacturer	1

The number of inspections made during the year was 276, of which 30 were at the request of occupiers to examine food found unfit for human consumption.

2. FISH AND CHIP SHOPS:

There are now ten shops in the area, an increase of one from 1971 due to the rebuilding of a shop on the site of a former one in Ambleside Avenue. The standard of cleanliness in all shops gives no cause for complaint, but some are structurally poor while others are too small for the amount of business transacted.

3. CAFES AND SNACK BARS:

There was no change in the number of establishments and the general standard of cleanliness was good, but in some cases the working and preparation areas were found to be rather cramped.

4. CANTEENS AND SCHOOL KITCHENS:

There are four industrial canteens and four school kitchens in the Urban District, all of which maintain a very good standard of hygiene.

5. FOOD HYGIENE (MARKET STALLS & DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966.

Under the above Regulations the following inspections of vehicles were carried out during the year:-

Ice-Cream	16
Butchery	7
Greengrocery	7
Fishmonger	2
Grocery - General	1

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

SECTION 2:

FOOD NOT OF THE NATURE, ETC.

There were three complaints during the year of food containing foreign matter or otherwise unsatisfactory, each of which were dealt with informally.

1. Processed Cheese containing "gritty" matter.

This was submitted to the County Analyst who reported the "gritty" matter consisted of "emulsifying" salts which are normally held in solution, but in the present instance the salts had crystallised out and formed the gritty particles complained of, which the Analyst emphasised were quite harmless. This was taken up with the manufacturers who admitted an "accident" during production had occurred and had withdrawn this particular batch of processed cheese from sale, but unfortunately a few cases had escaped detection. An assurance was given that this "error" in production had now been rectified.

2. Sausage Roll containing a piece of glass.

When this complaint was received the piece of glass had been separated from the sausage roll. Following normal procedure this was submitted to the County Analyst for his expert opinion, but after examination he was unable to state precisely that the piece of glass had been baked in the sausage roll. In view of this legal proceedings were not taken.

3. A Mouldy Loaf.

Investigation of this complaint revealed a failure on the part of the retailer to ensure proper stock rotation of bread delivered to his shop. Retailer advised to pay greater attention to stock rotation generally.

REGISTERED PREMISES:

During the year one application for registration under Section 16 of the Act was received and approved. In addition the Council resolved that all fish frying premises, i.e. fish and chip shops, be brought within the provisions of Sections 16 to 19 and were accordingly registered. The number of registered premises at the end of the year was as follows:-

For the manufacture, storage and sale of	2
ice-cream.	
For the sale of ice-cream	50
For the manufacture of sausages and	25
cooking of foods etc.	

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The number of inspections carried out and an analysis of contraventions found during the course of inspection were as follows:-

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

CLASS OF PREMISES	NUMBER OF PREMISES NEWLY REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR	NUMBER OF REGISTERED PREMISES AT THE END OF THE YEAR	NUMBER OF PREMISES RECEIVING ONE OR MORE GENERAL INSPECT-- ION DURING THE YEAR
Offices	1	23	20
Retail Shops	-	112	101
Wholesale Shops, Ware-- houses	-	1	1
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	1	18	18
Fuel Storage	-	-	-
T O T A L	2	154	140

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS:

Section	4	-	Cleanliness	8
??	5	-	Overcrowding	-
??	6	-	Temperature	3
??	7	-	Ventilation	-
??	8	-	Lighting	-
??	9	-	Sanitary Conveniences	5
??	10	-	Washing Facilities	4
??	11	-	Supply of Drinking Water	-
??	12	-	Accommodation for Clothing	-
??	13	-	Sitting Facilities	-
??	14	-	Seats for Sedentary Workers	-
??	15	-	Eating Facilities	-
??	16	-	Floors, passages and stairs	4
??	17	-	Fencing of exposed parts of machinery	-
??	18	-	Protection of young persons	-
??	19	-	Training of persons working at dangerous machinery	-
??	23	-	Prohibition of heavy work	-
??	24	-	First-Aid General Provisions	9
??	50	-	Abstract of the Act not exhibited	-

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SECTION 48 - ACCIDENTS:

There were five accidents notified during the year which were of a minor nature and no investigation into any of them was considered necessary.

EXEMPTIONS:

No applications for exemption under the Act were made.

WATER SUPPLY:

All water in the Urban District is supplied by the Sunderland and South Shields Water Company. The water was found to be satisfactory in both quantity and quality and no complaints were received during the year.

SWIMMING BATHS:

There are no public swimming baths in the area, the facilities available being to members of the Seaham Harbour Club and at Dawdon Colliery. There is also a swimming pool at the Northlea Grammar Technical School to which members of the public are admitted at certain times.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956/68:

The smoke control provisions of these Acts have not yet been implemented by the Council.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES:

There are no common lodging houses in the Urban District.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951:

There are two shops licenced under the Act which are conducted in a satisfactory manner.

RODENT CONTROL, DISINFESTATION AND DISINFECTION SERVICE.

This is a lesser but equally important service carried out by the Health Department for the control of rats and mice, together with the eradication of insect pests.

<u>RATS</u>	<u>MICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
123	149	272

In addition, 32 complaints of rats and 9 of mice were unfounded.

In the course of survey, additional properties were inspected in respect of the following:-

<u>RATS</u>	<u>MICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
12	27	39

Of this total 4 of rats and 2 of mice were unfounded.

The total number of inspections, including re-inspections carried out was 587.

SEWER MAINTENANCE TREATMENT:

Due to the early retirement of the Rodent Operator and the difficulty later experienced in securing a replacement, a private firm was employed to carry out the treatment of sewer manholes. This was done in July and covered the baiting of some 200 manholes in the older sections of the sewerage system.

INSECT PESTS:

The following complaints and requests for assistance in the eradication of insect pests were dealt with as follows:-

Cockroaches	108	Woodlice	9
Bed Bugs	3	Snails	8
Bees	1	Wasps	5
Earwigs	7	Woodworm	2
Spiders	2	Ants	3

In addition, 20 houses were fumigated at the request of the tenant and 114 drains were cleared.

SECTION V.

REFUSE DISPOSAL, SEWERAGE DISPOSAL AND STREET CLEANSING.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information on the above matters which are under his control.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL:

No treatment is carried out to the sewage which, after collection is discharged to the sea from three main outfalls.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL:

Collection is carried out by direct labour using specially constructed vehicles. Disposal is by controlled tipping on sites leased by the Council.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL (Cont'd)

During the year 8,026½ tons of house and trade refuse were collected and disposed of together with 670 tons of wastepaper.

STREET CLEANSING:

During the year 5,558 gullies were cleansed and flushed on U.D.C. highways.

A mechanical roadsweeper and pedestrian controlled barrow are used for cleansing of roads and streets.

SECTION VI.

SEAHAM RIPARIAN HEALTH AUTHORITY.

The amount of shipping entering the district during the year was as follows:-

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NETT REGISTER TONNAGE</u>
Foreign Ports	8	3546
Home Ports	277	179320
	—	—
	285	182866
	—	—

The principal import continues to be timber and the principal exports, coal, spent-oxide, moulding sand and agricultural limestone.

No passengers were carried on ships entering the port during the year and no cases of infectious diseases were notified.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.)

(1) PREMISES	(2) NUMBER ON REGISTER	NUMBER OF		
		(3) INSPECTIONS	(4) WRITTEN NOTICES	(5) OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	35	25	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises)	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	39	27	-	-

The number of factories registered at the end of the year was 39. Notifications received from the H.M. Inspector of Factories were attended to. Details of inspections etc., are shown above. There are no outworkers in the Urban District.

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

PARTICULARS (1)	NUMBER-OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED (6)
	FOUND (2)	REMEDIED (3)	TO H.M. INSPECTOR (4)	BY H.M. INSPECTOR (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floor (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	1	4	-	-	-

